



REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

June 6, 2016

Ronnie Thompson, Mayor

Sally W. Sandy, City Manager

Louis E. Vinay, Jr., City Attorney

John H. Cantrell )  
Forrest A. Fleming ) Councilmen  
Sidney Simmons )  
**Vacant Seat** )

Joy Hern-Guzman, Interpreter

I. Call to Order in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment – 6:00 - 6:15 p.m.

*Anyone wishing to speak during this time must sign in with the Clerk before the meeting begins, and upon being called will have 3 minutes to address the Council.*

III. Business of the Council begins at 6:15 p.m.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

V. Invocation to be Given by the Rev. Dennis Stamper, Chaplain, Carolinas HealthCare System – Blue Ridge

VI. Introduction of Council

VII. Retiree Resolution

- Robert M. Basinger, Public Works Department
- Maxo, Public Safety canine

VIII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies

a. Upcoming events:

- CoMMA: David Benedict & Michael Moore, July 7

The Loose Strings Band, July 21

- Farmers' Markets continue Wednesdays on North Green Street and Saturdays at the Morganton Depot
- TGIF Concerts continue on Fridays on the Old Courthouse Square

b. Patriot Award:

Presented to Morganton Public Safety Chief Ronnie Rector  
Presented by Councilman Forrest Fleming and  
Ron Bogle, State Chairman  
Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve

c. Water Resources Update: Brad Boris, Water Resources Director

d. Update on Fire Rating: Ronnie Rector, Public Safety Chief

IX. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

X. Consent Agenda – All items below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member, staff member or citizen so requests. In the event a request is made, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered under Item XI.

A. Approval of Minutes – For a regular meeting held on May 2, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Tax Releases in the Amount of \$310.19

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve tax releases in the amount of \$310.19.

C. Consideration of a Budget Amendment / Etta Baker Sculpture

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$77,000 to appropriate the contribution and corresponding expenditure for the Etta Baker Sculpture (Morganton Savings Bank / Burke Arts Council).

D. Consideration of Appointing a Deputy Tax Collector and Approving a Resolution Adopting an Order Directing the Deputy Tax Collector to Collect Taxes

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Motion to appoint Jennie McNeilly as Deputy Tax Collector.

Motion to approve a resolution adopting an order directing the Deputy Tax Collector to collect taxes.

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XII. Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017

Presented by Sally Sandy, City Manager

- a. Call for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget on Monday, June 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

XIII. New Business

A. Public Hearings and Actions

1. Public Hearing to Consider Rezoning Four Areas Within the Municipal Service District to a Central Business District (CBD) Zoning Classification

Actions: Motion to confirm that the requested amendment is in compliance with the Morganton Mission 2030 goals and objectives.

Motion to adopt an ordinance that amends the Zoning Map of the City of Morganton to rezone four separate areas adjacent to the downtown from their present LID or MID zoning classification to a Central Business District (CBD) zoning classification.

2. Public Hearing to Consider Amending Section 5.4.3.2 (F) of the Zoning Ordinance to Specify Landscaping Standards Around the Base of All Freestanding Signs

Actions: Motion to confirm that the requested amendment is in compliance with the Morganton Mission 2030 goals and objectives.

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 5.4.3.2 (F) of the Zoning Ordinance to specify landscaping standards around the base of freestanding signs.

3. Consideration of an Ordinance and Order Directing the Inspector to Effectuate the Purposes of Article E, Part 9 of the Charter and Code of Ordinances for the City of Morganton Regarding Property at 218 Jefferson Street

Action: Motion to adopt an ordinance and order to effectuate the purposes of Article E, Part 9 of the Charter and Code of Ordinances for the City of Morganton regarding property at 218 Jefferson Street.

B. Other Business

1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Morganton to Submit a Grant Application to the Appalachian Regional Commission

(ARC) in the Amount of \$1,070,420 for the Hospitality Transportation Access Project

2. Consideration of a Request Submitted by Roger Drayer to Permanently Close and Abandon an Unopened Cul-de-sac Right-of-way at the End of Raintree Lane
3. Consideration of a Sidewalk Encroachment Agreement for 113 East Union Street
4. Consideration of Approving a Water Contract with Brentwood Water Corporation
5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
  - a. Human Relations Commission
  - b. Board of Adjustment
  - c. Cable Television Commission
  - d. Community Appearance
  - e. Mainstreet Advisory
  - f. Planning & Zoning
  - g. Recreation Advisory
6. 30-Day Notice for Boards and Commissions

- a. ABC Board – Mark Miller’s term to expire August 5, 2016

XIV. Other Items from City Manager and City Council Not on Agenda

XV. Reports

XVI. Adjournment